

## 2021 COWG Encampment Packing List – Cadets

All clothing items, bags, backpacks, luggage, and other possessions must be marked with your name in an inconspicuous place.

Bed linens, sheets, blanket, pillows, and pillow covers, will be issued at encampment.

Complete ABU or BDU Uniform. ABU Uniform is preferred. BDU is phased out as of 15 June 2021 and may not be worn after this date. (See NOTE 1)

### Required Items for ABU/BDU Uniform

- 8+ Pairs of Black Boot Socks
- 1+ Pair of Black Combat Type Boots (See NOTE 4)
- 1+ Set of Blousing Bands

### Specific Required for ABU Uniform

- 1+ ABU Blouse
- 1+ ABU Pants
- 1+ ABU Cover (ABU cap)
- 1+ Desert Sand/Tan ABU belt with Buckle
- 8+ Desert Sand/Tan Crew Neck T-Shirts

### Specific Required for BDU Uniform

- 1+ BDU Blouse
- 1+ BDU Pants
- 1+ BDU Cover (BDU Cap)
- 1+ BDU Blue or Black Belt with Black Tip and Black Open Face Buckle
- 8+ Desert Sand/Tan Crew Neck T-Shirts – minimum

### Required Uniform Items – Blues Uniform

- 1 Blue's Flight Cap **with** CAP device
- 1+ Short Sleeve Blue's Shirt
- 1 +Blue's Pants/Slacks (skirt is allowed for females)
- 1 Pair of Blues Uniform Shoes, low quarters (no pumps or heels for females) (See NOTE 4)
- 4+ White V-Neck T-Shirts (for wear with blues uniform)
- 4+ Pairs of Black Dress Socks
- 1+ Blues Belt with Chrome Buckle
- 1+ Set of Grade Insignia (2 sets recommended)
- 1+ Nameplate
- 1+ Ribbon Holder with Ribbons (optional for officer grades)

Service coat is optional for cadet staff, if the service coat is worn, then a tie is required.

Blues Tie is NOT required for short-sleeved blue shirt, but is required for long-sleeved blues shirt

### Required Physical Training (PT) Uniform Items

- 6+ Sand/Tan Crew Neck T-Shirts - minimum
- 8+ Pairs of White Athletic Socks
- Light Jacket or sweatshirt (preferably with hood)
- 1+ Pair of Running/Athletic Shoes (conservative color)
- 2+ Athletic (PT) Shorts (Navy Blue or Black) must be loose-fitting style and worn at the natural waist.  
**No tight pants/shorts or "hip hugger" styles.** These are not appropriate for wear on a military installation. Shorts must extend to the knees.

- 1+ Pair of sweatpants or other long athletic pants (conservative color).

#### COVID Mitigation (REQUIRED)

- 2+ Face Masks: Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Small/medium container of hand sanitizer. Choose hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol (often listed on the label as ethanol, ethyl alcohol, isopropanol, or 2-propanol).

#### Additional REQUIRED Items

- 1 Camelback or Canteen (Only Black, Olive Drab, or Camouflage). If canteen, must be carried at the waist. (See Note 5)
- CAPID Card.
- 16 Year Old & older, Government issued identification (driver license, DOD ID, passport, etc.)
- 1 Notebook or Binder
- 2 Black ink ball-point Pens
- 1 Shoeshine Kit (no liquid polish!)
- 1 week's supply of SPF 30 Sunscreen.
- 1 Set of Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Comb or Brush as required
- Shaving gear, if applicable
- 2 White bath towels **and** 2 White washcloths
- Appropriate Female Hygiene Products (females only)
- Shower Sandals – critical item for health reasons.
- 5 Matching Clothes Hangars – minimum. (or enough for the uniforms you bring)
- Any necessary prescription or non-prescription medications packed separately in a clear plastic baggie.
- 1 Laundry Marking Pen
- 1 padlock for valuables, combination type preferred.
- 1 small ruler for measuring uniform insignia.
- 1+ Package of Moleskin

#### Optional Items - RECOMMENDED:

- 1 Raincoat or Poncho
- 1 Set of Appropriate Hair Needs
- 1 Chap stick
- 1 Sewing Kit
- 1 Camera for tours
- Backpack (Only Black, Olive Drab or Camouflage) without logos. (See Note 5)
- 1 Additional Sets of ABU/BDU/CFU (**Highly Recommended**)
- 1 Additional Blues Shirts (**Highly Recommended**)
- 1 Iron and **small** - not full size - portable ironing board
- 1 Laundry Bag
- 1 Set Extra Uniform Accessories for blues uniform shirt

#### Optional Items:

- 1 Foot Powder or Spray
- 1 Religious or CAP related reading material.

#### Contraband or Prohibited Items:

The following items are prohibited for cadet members.

- Firearms, knives, explosives, other weapons or anything resembling them, including squirt guns, pellet weapons, airsoft, etc.
- Fireworks of any type.

- All heat emitting devices (Matches, lighters, heat guns, torches, etc.) Irons and Hair Dryers are acceptable after inspection by TAC.
- Offensive, obscene, sexually explicit materials & pornography of any type.
- Snacks, candy, gum, food or drinks of any kind.
- Soda pop & energy drinks (such as Red Bull, Amp, Spike, etc.).
- Liquid shoe polish.
- Cards, dice, poker chips or other gambling paraphernalia.
- Game playing devices of any kind.
- Alcohol, tobacco, tobacco products or substitutes, e-cigarettes, vapor pens.
- Any controlled substance or illegal drug, marijuana in any form including infused items.
- Computers, laptops, cellphones, iPad's, iPod's, video games of any kind, other electronic devices, toys of any kind, or other communications or computing devices.
- All sets of Personal Vehicle keys – Must be turned in at check-in.
- Expensive jewelry.
- Clothing with inappropriate sayings or markings. The decision on the appropriateness of an item is left to the discretion of the Commander. The decision will be final and no appeals will be entertained.
- Any Prescription or non-prescription drugs, herbs, supplements, etc., **not** listed in the application packet.

### Notes & Additional Important Information

In addition to the blues uniform, the preferred uniform for encampment is the ABU Uniform. However, ABU Uniforms are not mandatory. BDU/CFU Uniforms are acceptable if the member does not have ABUs. For Colorado Wing cadets, the new wing patch is required.

Pants, T-shirts, “hoodies”, sweatshirts, jackets or other clothing worn during PT should not have any logos, or other wording or markings that may be considered offensive.

Use your best judgment when packing. While we try to provide a comprehensive list, we have no way to anticipate individual needs.

You will be carrying your own luggage during in-Processing - pack accordingly! Rolling bags are recommended! This list may be printed and used as a packing checklist.

#### NOTE 1: ABU and/or BDU Uniforms

Cadets must bring **either** the full ABU or a full BDU Uniforms with all required patches and insignia sewn in proper location. Some cadets may choose to bring **both** ABU and BDU uniforms to have a second uniform. Cadets choosing to bring both ABU and BDU uniforms must ensure that they have **all** required items for each uniform type.

#### NOTE 2: Sand/Tan T-Shirts

The PT Uniform will use only Sand/Tan T-Shirts. Those cadets choosing to wear BDU uniforms must also bring eight (8) Sand/Tan colored T-Shirt, Black T-Shirts will not be worn.

#### NOTE 4: Shoe/Boot Requirements

New shoes or boots **are not** recommended at encampment. Shoes and boots should be well broken in before encampment. Blisters are the most common medical issue at encampment and are usually the result of improperly fitted shoes/boots or boots/shoes not broken in.

Pumps or heels for female cadets are not acceptable for safety reasons. The parade field used at encampment for drill practice, daily opening and closing ceremonies, and the graduation parade is thick, deep grass. This

presents a significant tripping hazard and increased possibility of ankle injuries when wearing heels or pumps.

**NOTE 5: There are no exceptions to the camelback and backpack policy. These are regulatory requirements. Any camelback or backpack not meeting requirements will not be worn at any time and must be carried in the left hand.**

About the Items on the Packing List -- Required MEANS Required!

**Encampment Laundry Facilities:**

Use of the Laundry Facilities is not permitted by CAP personnel. Only Prep School staff is permitted to use the machines

**Marijuana and/or Other Drug Possession or Use**

Marijuana in any form is prohibited on military installations. This includes medical marijuana, recreational marijuana, *and* marijuana infused items.

The Colorado statute permitting the possession and use of marijuana **does not** apply on federal installations such as the US Air Force Academy. Possession or use of marijuana will be reported to the security police and will result in immediate dismissal from encampment.

By General Order of the United States Air Force Academy Superintendent, the substances known as "Spice" and "Salvia" (*salvia divinorum*) are prohibited. Use or possession of either substance will be reported to the security police and result in immediate dismissal from encampment.